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Introduction

Geochemical analyses of 85 heavy-mineral concentrate samples taken from streams in three selected areas in Greenville and Laurens Counties, S.C., are given in this report. The northernmost of the three areas is located near Greenville, S.C. (41 samples), the next study area to the south is near Simpsonville, S.C. (39 samples), and the southernmost study area is near Hickory Tavern, S.C. (7 samples) (figs. 1 and 2). The three areas were selected for sampling on the basis of a previous reconnaissance study, which reported anomalously high amounts of tin in those areas (Jackson and Moore, 1992). Detailed sample location maps, drainage basin maps, statistical evaluations, and discussions concerning the data are found in Jackson (1992). These data supplement an assessment of the Greenville $1^{\circ} \times 2^{\circ}$ quadrangle prepared under the Conterminous United States Mineral Resource Assessment Program (CUSMAP) of the U.S. Geological Survey (Lesure and others, in prep.).

The samples analyzed in this study represent the heavy resistate minerals derived from a variety of rock types of the Inner Piedmont thrust stack of South Carolina. Within the Paris Mountain study area, rocks of the Paris Mountain thrust sheet predominate, consisting of a biotite-muscovite-sillimanite schist, and lenses of fine- to medium-grained biotite granite gneiss. The biotite granite gneiss within the Paris Mountain study area contains extensive zones of pegmatitic and leucogranitic phases. Gneissic biotitic granites of the Six Mile thrust sheet occur in the northwestern part of the Paris Mountain study area. In the northwestern part of the Simpsonville study area, within the Paris Mountain thrust sheet, the rocks are mostly a biotite-muscovite-sillimanite schist containing lenses of biotite granite gneiss. In the southeastern part of the Simpsonville study area, within the Laurens thrust sheet, occur various interlayered biotite gneisses and biotite granite gneisses, and minor amphibolite. The Hickory Tavern study area contains interlayered biotite gneiss, granite gneiss and amphibolite of the Laurens thrust sheet. The geology as described here generally follows that of Nelson and others (1987, 1989).

Sample collection and preparation

The concentrates analyzed in this study were collected by John C. Jackson and William J. Moore of the U.S. Geological Survey in March 1987. Samples were obtained by panning two

brimful 16-inch gold pans of sand and gravel collected from the riffles of active streams. The panned materials were further concentrated in the laboratory by standard means of heavy-liquid separation using bromoform (specific gravity 2.85) and by magnetic separation using a Frantz Isodynamic separator. This process resulted in a high-density, non-magnetic, heavy-mineral concentrate for spectrographic analysis.

Analytical method

The high-density, non-magnetic fractions of the concentrates were analyzed for 31 elements using a six-step, semi-quantitative, emission spectrographic method (Grimes and Marranzino, 1968). This spectrographic method reports values, in percent or parts per million (ppm), as one of six steps per order of magnitude (1, 0.7, 0.5, 0.3, 0.2, 0.15, and multiples of 10 of these numbers), and these values are the approximate geometric midpoints of the concentration ranges whose boundaries are 1.2, 0.83, 0.56, 0.38, 0.26, 0.18, 0.12, etc. The analytical uncertainty of the method is ± 1 reporting interval 83 percent of the time and ± 2 reporting intervals 96 percent of the time (Matooka and Grimes, 1976).

The lower limits of detection, or first reporting interval, for elements reported in percent are as follows: Fe(0.1), Mg(0.05), Ca(0.1), and Ti(0.005). The lower limits of detection, or first reporting interval, for elements reported in parts per million are as follows: Ag(1), As(500), Au(20), B(20), Ba(50), Be(2), Bi(20), Cd(50), Co(10), Cr(20), Cu(10), La(50), Mn(20), Mo(10), Nb(50), Ni(10), Pb(20), Sb(200), Sc(10), Sn(20), Sr(200), Th(200), V(20), W(100), Y(20), Zn(500), and Zr(20).

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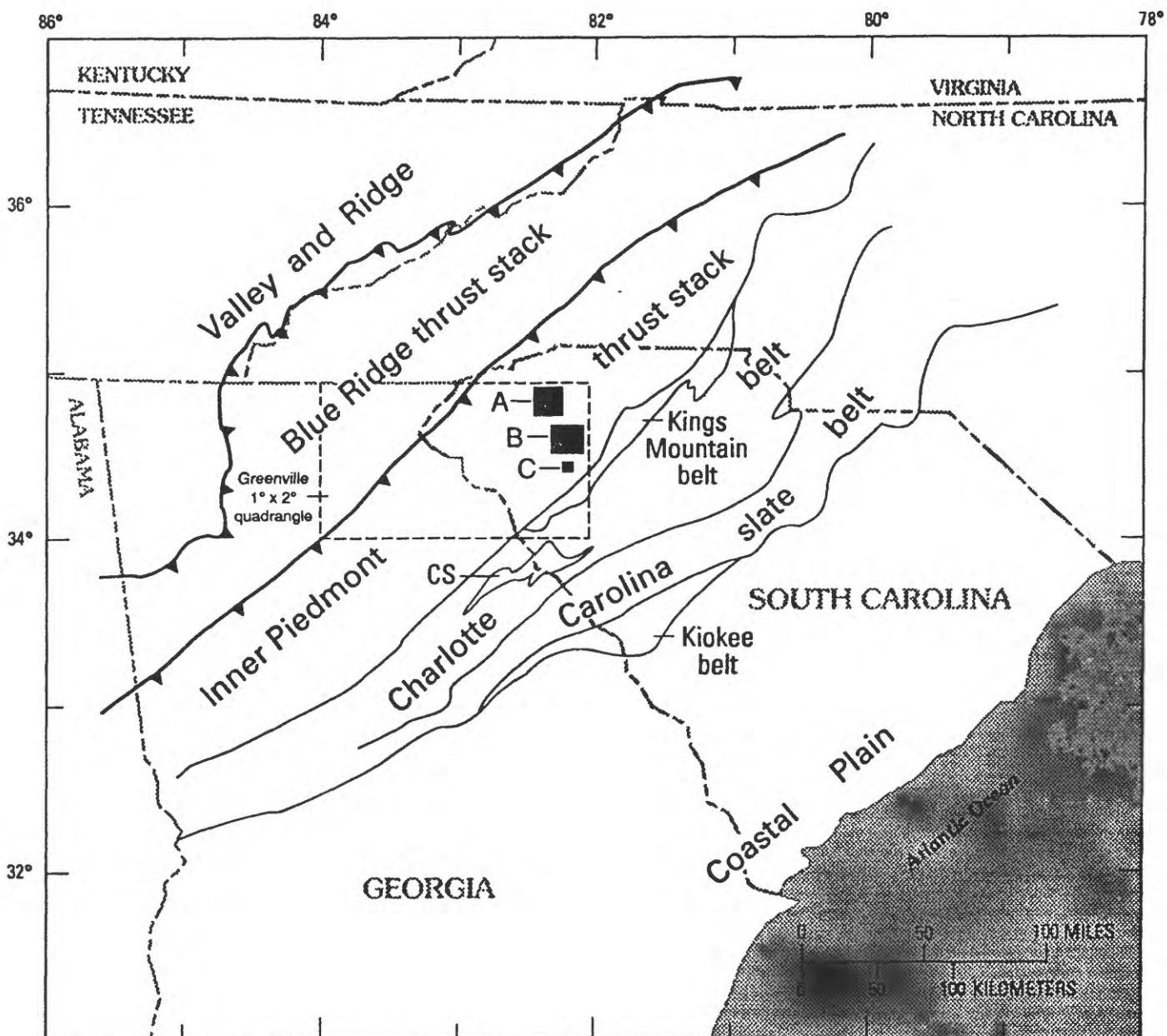
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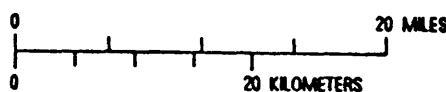
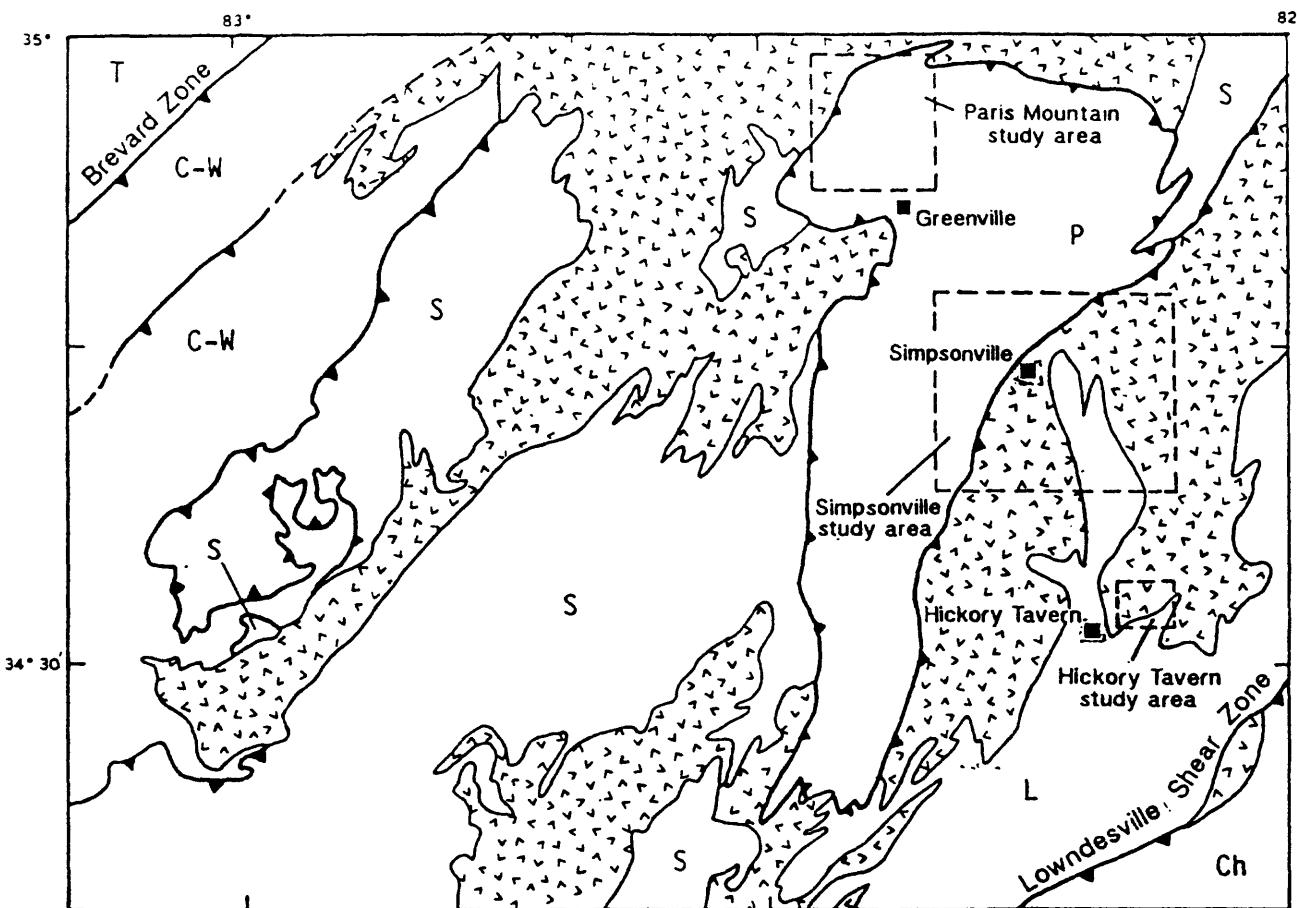
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EXPLANATION

- ▲ Thrust fault—Teeth on upper plate;
dashed where inferred
- Intrusive contact

Figure 1. Index map showing location and geologic setting of three areas (shaded black, depicted A, B, or C) studied in this report, and outline of the Greenville $1^{\circ} \times 2^{\circ}$ quadrangle. [Symbols: A, Paris Mountain study area; B, Simpsonville study area; C, Hickory Tavern study area; CS, Carolina slate belt]. The Inner Piedmont thrust stack includes the Chauga-Walhalla thrust complex and the Six Mile, Laurens, and Paris Mountain thrust sheets. Belts are modified from King (1955), Overstreet and Bell (1965a, 1965b), and Hatcher (1972).



EXPLANATION Stacking order of thrust sheets

BLUE RIDGE	INNER PIEDMONT	SOUTHEAST OF LOWNDESVILLE SHEAR ZONE
T Tellulah Falls thrust sheet	P Paris Mountain thrust sheet	Ch Charlotte thrust sheet
	L Laurens thrust sheet	
	S Six-Mile thrust sheet	
	C-W Chauga-Walhalla thrust complex	

[Dotted pattern] Granite rock—Shown only where rock covers a large area or where tectonic boundaries are obscured

— Intrusive contact

— Thrust fault—Teeth on upper plate; dashed where inferred

— Shear zone

Figure 2. Generalized tectonic map of the northeastern part of the Greenville 1° x 2° quadrangle, and boundaries of the three study areas described in this report. Modified from Nelson and others (1987).

Table 1. Sample numbers, locations, and major and trace elements by semiquantitative emission spectrography: "map number" indicates number used on figures in Jackson (1992); N, not detected; L, detected but less than the value for the first reporting interval; G, greater than the value shown in parentheses; all values in parts per million, except where noted.

FIELD NUMBER	MAP NUMBER	7.5' QUAD.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	Fe(%)	Ca(%)	Mn	As	B
GA13001C	1	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345641	822310	0.1	0.3	G2	20	L
GA13002C	2	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345613	822333	0.015	0.5	0.7	30	30
GA13003C	3	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345607	822330	0.2	L	2	30	70
GA13004C	4	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345536	822312	0.1	N	G2	L	100
GA13005C	5	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345527	822312	0.15	L	0.1	G2	100
GA13006C	6	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345552	822253	0.1	L	0.2	1	50
GA13007C	7	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345530	822242	0.15	N	N	1.5	100
GA13008C	8	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345612	822245	0.2	L	0.3	2	100
GA13009C	9	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345815	822232	L	L	2	20	L
GA13010C	10	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345721	822259	0.1	L	0.3	G2	20
GA13011C	11	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345752	822406	0.1	N	0.1	2	20
GA13012C	12	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345746	822458	0.2	L	0.1	1.5	70
GA13013C	13	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345706	822600	L	L	1.5	L	30
GA13014C	14	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345544	822521	0.01	L	1.5	1	20
GA13015C	15	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345451	822514	0.1	L	L	G2	20
GA13016C	16	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345437	822459	L	N	1.5	20	30
GA13017C	17	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345433	822421	0.2	L	2	L	50
GA13018C	18	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345406	822405	0.1	L	1.5	1	50
GA13019C	19	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345350	822358	0.1	L	0.7	0.5	50
GA13024C	20	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345441	822301	0.2	L	0.3	1	100
GA13026C	21	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345524	822240	0.15	L	0.7	0.7	100
GA13028C	22	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345330	822243	0.2	L	0.1	1	100
GA13030C	23	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345352	822343	0.2	L	0.1	1	100
GA13031C	24	PARIS MOUNTAIN	345358	822341	0.2	N	0.1	0.7	100
GA14001C	25	TAYLORS	345542	822204	N	N	0.2	L	20
GA14002C	26	TAYLORS	345560	822223	0.1	N	N	0.15	30
GA14003C	27	TAYLORS	345634	822218	L	N	0.1	20	20
GA14004C	28	TAYLORS	345644	822121	L	L	G2	L	100
GA14005C	29	TAYLORS	345735	822059	L	L	2	L	50
GA14006C	30	TAYLORS	345656	822017	L	L	G2	L	100
GA14007C	31	TAYLORS	345546	822043	0.15	L	G2	L	100
GA14012C	32	TAYLORS	345758	822102	0.15	L	2	L	100
GA14013C	33	TAYLORS	345527	822114	0.2	L	0.1	2	100
GA14014C	34	TAYLORS	345531	822114	L	L	N	1	20
GA14015C	35	TAYLORS	345508	822040	0.2	L	L	1	L
GA14016C	36	TAYLORS	345511	822106	0.3	L	0.1	1.5	100
GA14017C	37	TAYLORS	345416	822220	0.15	N	L	2	100
GA14018C	38	TAYLORS	345429	822107	0.15	N	L	0.1	20
GA14019C	39	TAYLORS	345520	822005	L	L	0.15	2	100
GA14021C	40	TAYLORS	345514	822206	0.15	N	L	G2	100
GA14022C	41	TAYLORS	345540	822042	L	L	0.15	G2	100
GB14001C	42	MAULDIN	344547	821647	0.1	L	2	L	50
GB14002C	43	MAULDIN	344620	821606	L	L	0.5	G2	70

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FIELD	NUMBER	MAP NUMBER	Zr
GA13001C	1	70	G2000
GA13002C	2	70	N
GA13003C	3	200	G2000
GA13004C	4	200	G2000
GA13005C	5	150	G2000
GA13006C	6	300	G2000
GA13007C	7	70	G2000
GA13008C	8	70	G2000
GA13009C	9	100	G2000
GA13010C	10	150	G2000
GA13011C	11	150	G2000
GA13012C	12	150	G2000
GA13013C	13	70	G2000
GA13014C	14	70	G2000
GA13015C	15	150	G2000
GA13016C	16	100	G2000
GA13017C	17	150	G2000
GA13018C	18	100	G2000
GA13019C	19	70	G2000
GA13024C	20	100	G2000
GA13026C	21	100	G2000
GA13028C	22	100	G2000
GA13030C	23	100	G2000
GA13031C	24	70	G2000
GA14001C	25	L	700
GA14002C	26	30	G2000
GA14003C	27	200	G2000
GA14004C	28	150	G2000
GA14005C	29	200	G2000
GA14006C	30	200	G2000
GA14007C	31	150	G2000
GA14012C	32	150	G2000
GA14013C	33	150	G2000
GA14014C	34	200	G2000
GA14015C	35	100	G2000
GA14016C	36	150	G2000
GA14017C	37	100	G2000
GA14018C	38	70	G2000
GA14019C	39	150	G2000
GA14021C	40	100	G2000
GA14022C	41	150	G2000
GB14001C	42	300	G2000
GB14002C	43	300	G2000

Table 1 (Continued).

FIELD NUMBER	MAP NUMBER	7.5' QUAD.	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	1I(%)	Mn	B
GB15001C	44	PELHAM	344541	821331	N	2	50
GB15002C	45	PELHAM	344532	821246	N	2	50
GC15002C	46	FOUNTAIN INN	344259	821018	0.15	C2	150
GC15003C	47	FOUNTAIN INN	343952	820801	0.2	C2	100
GC15004C	48	FOUNTAIN INN	343854	820832	0.2	C2	50
GC15005C	49	FOUNTAIN INN	344401	821247	0.1	C2	70
GC15006C	50	FOUNTAIN INN	344358	821200	0.5	G2	200
GC15008C	51	FOUNTAIN INN	344343	821214	0.3	G2	20
GC15009C	52	FOUNTAIN INN	344311	821158	0.5	G2	20
GC15010C	53	FOUNTAIN INN	344344	821151	0.7	G2	20
GC15011C	54	FOUNTAIN INN	343815	821028	0.5	G2	20
GC15012C	55	FOUNTAIN INN	343816	821035	0.3	G2	20
GC15016C	56	FOUNTAIN INN	343820	821048	N	0.1	G2
GC15017C	57	FOUNTAIN INN	344339	821325	0.7	G2	500
GC15018C	58	FOUNTAIN INN	344334	821321	0.5	G2	300
GC15020C	59	FOUNTAIN INN	344356	821253	L	0.1	G2
GC15021C	60	FOUNTAIN INN	344428	821237	0.1	G2	20
GC15022C	61	FOUNTAIN INN	344429	821246	0.15	G2	20
GC15023C	62	FOUNTAIN INN	344441	821160	0.15	G2	20
GC15024C	63	FOUNTAIN INN	344325	821110	0.2	G2	50
GC15025C	64	FOUNTAIN INN	344402	821021	L	0.5	2
GC14011C	65	SIMPSONVILLE	344305	821646	N	0.7	2
GC14002C	66	SIMPSONVILLE	344309	821655	0.3	G2	30
GC14003C	67	SIMPSONVILLE	344423	821638	L	0.7	2
GC14004C	68	SIMPSONVILLE	344418	821643	L	0.2	2
GC14005C	69	SIMPSONVILLE	344445	821757	N	0.2	100
GC14006C	70	SIMPSONVILLE	344351	821815	L	0.1	100
GC14007C	71	SIMPSONVILLE	344344	821723	L	2	70
GC14008C	72	SIMPSONVILLE	344350	821719	L	0.2	70
GC14009C	73	SIMPSONVILLE	344323	821707	L	0.1	100
GC14010C	74	SIMPSONVILLE	344311	821649	L	0.1	50
GC14012C	75	SIMPSONVILLE	344317	821622	L	0.3	N
GC14013C	76	SIMPSONVILLE	344341	821606	0.15	0.7	150
GC14014C	77	SIMPSONVILLE	344353	821610	N	0.2	L
GC14015C	78	HICKORY TAVERN	344354	821617	N	0.1	G2
GD15001C	79	HICKORY TAVERN	343305	820817	0.2	0.05	1
GD15002C	80	HICKORY TAVERN	343308	820817	0.2	0.05	G2
GD15004C	81	HICKORY TAVERN	343303	820831	0.7	1.5	500
GD15005C	82	HICKORY TAVERN	343251	820828	0.5	0.05	G2
GD15006C	83	HICKORY TAVERN	343303	820755	0.7	2	500
GD15007C	84	HICKORY TAVERN	343225	820852	0.15	0.05	G2
GD15008C	85	HICKORY TAVERN	343232	820853	0.15	0.05	100

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FIELD NUMBER	MAP NUMBER	Sn	Sc	Pb	Ni	Nb	Mo	La	Cu	Cr	Co	Cd	Bi	Be	Ba
GB15001C	44	150	150	70	N	150	N	N	50	150	N	N	N	N	N
GB15002C	45	2000	2000	20	N	70	1000	1000	30	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15002C	46	200	200	20	N	70	700	700	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15003C	47	70	150	L	2	N	2000	2000	15	150	150	150	150	150	150
GC15004C	48	N	N	N	N	N	1000	1000	15	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15005C	49	G10000	200	200	50	50	1000	1000	30	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15006C	50	10000	200	30	N	100	2000	2000	10	200	200	200	200	200	200
GC15008C	51	2000	50	50	N	50	300	300	10	150	150	150	150	150	150
GC15009C	52	3000	20	50	N	50	500	500	10	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15010C	53	3000	10	20	N	100	1500	1500	10	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15011C	54	2000	7	100	N	70	700	700	10	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15012C	55	1500	5	50	N	70	150	150	10	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15016C	56	N	10	100	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15017C	57	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15018C	58	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
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GC15021C	60	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15022C	61	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15023C	62	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15024C	63	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC15025C	64	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC14011C	65	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC14002C	66	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC14003C	67	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
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GC14005C	69	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC14006C	70	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC14007C	71	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
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GC14012C	75	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GC14013C	76	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GD15002C	77	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GD15004C	78	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GD15005C	79	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GD15006C	80	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GD15007C	81	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
GD15008C	82	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
	83	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
	84	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100
	85	N	N	30	N	70	70	70	20	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 1 (Continued).

FIELD NUMBER	MAI' NUMBER	Th	Zr	Y	W	V	Si
GB15001C	44	N	150	200	N	200	
GB15002C	45	N	100	N	N	G2000	
GC15002C	46	N	150	300	N	G2000	
GC15003C	47	N	150	300	N	G2000	
GC15004C	48	N	100	500	300	G2000	
GC15005C	49	N	300	1500	N	G2000	
GC15006C	50	L	300	500	N	G2000	
GC15008C	51	N	150	300	N	G2000	
GC15009C	52	N	200	300	N	G2000	
GC15010C	53	L	150	1000	N	G2000	
GC15011C	54	N	200	500	N	G2000	
GC15012C	55	N	150	300	N	G2000	
GC15016C	56	N	70	500	N	G2000	
GC15017C	57	N	100	500	N	G2000	
GC15018C	58	N	100	150	N	G2000	
GC15020C	59	N	150	500	N	G2000	
GC15021C	60	N	70	700	N	G2000	
GC15022C	61	N	100	500	N	G2000	
GC15023C	62	N	100	500	N	G2000	
GC15024C	63	N	50	1000	N	G2000	
GC15025C	64	N	50	1000	N	G2000	
GC14011C	65	N	70	700	N	G2000	
GC14002C	66	L	200	500	N	G2000	
GC14003C	67	N	150	700	N	G2000	
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GD15004C	81	N	100	1000	N	2000	
GD15005C	82	N	70	100	N	1500	
GD15006C	83	N	100	300	N	500	
GD15007C	84	N	70	1000	N	2000	
GD15008C	85	N	70	1000	N	3000	